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SUBJECT: CONTROLS ON EXPORTS RELATED TO PETROLEUM
EXPLOITATION

REFS: A. PRAGUE 1187, B. MOSCOW 10917

1. MISSION, INCLUDING USDEL COCOM, HAS REVIEWED CARE-
FULLY DRAFT MEMO TRANSMITTED BY REF A AND VIEWS EX-
PRESSED IN REF B. AS WE SEE IT, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER
AN IMPROVEMENT IN WORLD ENERGY SUPPLY (THROUGH
FACILITATING SOVIET OIL PRODUCTION) CAN BE CONSIDERED
A POSITIVE FACTOR IN EXPORT LICENSING DECISIONS CANNOT
BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH AS THE
DEGREE OF OUR INTEREST IN REQUIRING THE SOVIETS TO
DEPLOY DOMESTIC RESOURCES FROM OTHER USES TO MEET THEIR
ENERGY NEEDS, OR THE EXTENT TO WHICH TECHNOLOGY MIGHT
BE PROVIDED TO THE SOVIETS FOR OTHER USES, OR THE
DEGREE TO WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT IN WHATEVER MEASURE BE
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ABLE TO SECURE SOME LEVERAGE FROM ITS DECISIONS. WE
IN THIS MISSION DO NOT FEEL ABLE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL
CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUESTION OF HOW SUCH CONSIDERA-
TIONS SHOULD BE MEASURED AGAINST EACH OTHER, OR THE
EXTENT TO WHICH CONTROLLED TECHNOLOGY IS IN FACT
IMPORTANT TO INCREASED SOVIET ENERGY SUPPLIES IN ANY
GIVEN TIME

FRAME. WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED
IN PARA 3 OF REF B FROM MOSCOW, THAT A CAREFUL REVIEW
AND DECISION IN WASHINGTON RE U.S. INTERESTS IN THESE
MATTERS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. REGARDING THE POSSIBLE FRENCH RESPONSE TO THE U.S.
POSITION ON MORFLOT SPELLED OUT IN COCOM DOC
DEF 77 (1565/44), USDEL RAISED THIS QUESTION DURING
MEETING WITH THE NEW FRENCH DELEGATE AND FRENCH
TECHNICAL ADVISER GAMET. GAMET SAID THAT HE HAD NOT
SEEN THE U.S. DOCUMENT BUT THAT SINCE THE FRENCH HAD
ALREADY MADE THEMSELVES CLEAR ON THIS ISSUE, THERE
WOULD PROBABLY BE NO RESPONSE MADE AT THIS TIME.
PROBABLY GAMET HAD IN MIND FRENCH STATEMENT --
COCOMDOC DEF 77 (1565/33). AT ANY RATE IF THE LATEST
U.S. DEL'S QUERY THUS EVOKES NEW FRENCH STATEMENT,
USDEL WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.
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